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*Reorganization of the Educational Department.*

510 Q.—Rao Bahadur M. C. RAJA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

- (1) whether the recommendations of Mr. Knapp's committee have been adopted in the reorganization of the Educational department;
- (2) whether it is a fact that the recommendations of Mr. Knapp were considered to be inadequate by the educational services; and
- (3) whether it is a fact that all temporary promotions were stopped pending the introduction of Mr. Knapp's scheme of reorganization?

A.—(1) Not in all cases of officers.

(2) Yes.

(3) Yes.

*The Anamalai farm.*

511 Q.—Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

- (1) the purpose for which the Anamalai farm was opened and what purpose it serves now;
- (2) under whom is that farm now; if it is not under the cotton specialist, why it is not placed under him;
- (3) whether the place is typical of the Coimbatore district as a district farm in case it is intended to continue it as a district farm; and
- (4) what is the capital and recurring expenditure incurred on the farm from its start?

A.—(1) The object with which the Anamalai farm was opened was to improve Cambodia cotton, and, by selection, to produce a strain which would give an increase in yield, evenness, and length of staple, as well as being of erect habit, and with a stronger stem, all desirable qualities which show a great deal of variation in the ordinary strain. Each one per cent improvement represents 10 lakhs per annum to the ryots at the prices ruling in 1919. The purpose the farm serves now is still selection work and the testing of improved strains. To this have been added important experiments with manures, to find out what influence these have upon the quality of the staple. Some experiments with tobacco are also being conducted on the farm.

- (2) The farm is now under the Deputy Director of Agriculture in charge of the VIII Circle. The management was handed over to this officer in July 1922, because the cotton specialist had by then acquired land at the Agricultural College Estate on which it was more convenient to conduct his special cotton research work.
- (3) The farm is perhaps not altogether typical of the Coimbatore district, but it is sufficiently typical for the practical purposes of a district farm. When the farm was chosen, it was essential to find a place free from stem weevil, so that the work on new strains should not be vitiated by attacks of this insect pest. It was for this reason, among others, that Anamalai was chosen.